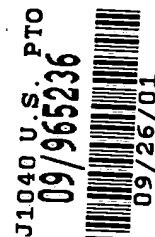


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Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "IDS") is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

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☐ B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

☐ C. after the times set forth in (A) and (B) above, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, and the necessary statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) appears below (see box "i") or the necessary fee is enclosed (see box "ii" below).

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☐ i. (check the applicable statement)

☐ I, the undersigned, hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ I, the undersigned, hereby state that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(1), this IDS includes a list on form PTO-1449 of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, incorporated into this IDS as an attachment hereto. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(b): (i) each U.S. patent listed is identified by patentee, patent number, and issue date; (ii) each foreign patent or published foreign patent application is identified by the country or patent office which issued the patent or published the application, an appropriate document number, and the publication date indicated on the patent or published application; and (iii) each publication is identified by author (if any), title, relevant pages of the publication, date, and place of publication. A legible copy of each document listed is attached and incorporated into this IDS, except that no copy of any U.S. patent application is included pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii) and except as explained below.

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☐ A. Document(s) _____ is (are) substantively cumulative to document(s) _____, and, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter document(s) is (are) attached.

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[insert serial numbers and filing dates of prior applications]

These documents are identified by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and/or PTO-1449 from the files of the prior application(s) and Applicant requests that they be considered and made of record in this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be provided with this IDS.

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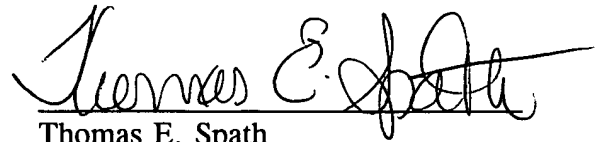
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Respectfully submitted,

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